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IN INTERVIEW IN AUGUST 14 RUDE PRAVO, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
JIRI GOETZ DEFENDED CZECHOSLOVAK POSITION IN MOST RECENT ROUND OF
NEGOTIATIONS IN PRAGUE ON QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION FOR WEST BERLIN.
GOETZ, CHIEF CZECHOSLOVAK NEGOTIATOR SAID: "THE CZECHOSLOVAK
SIDE PROCEEDED FROM A PRECISE INTERPRETATION OF THE FOUR-POWER
TREATY ON WEST BERLIN OF 1971.. THE WEST GERMAN SIDE
NOW DEMANDS THAT ITS FUTURE AMBASSADOR TO PRAGUE BE ALLOWED TO EXTEND
LEGAL ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY TO WEST BERLIN CITIZENS BUT ALSO TO
WEST BERLIN INSTITUTIONS. IT INSISTS ON THIS STAND DESPITE THE
CZECHOSLOVAK ARGUMENTATIONS BASED ON THE FOUR-POWER WEST BERLIN
TREATY AND DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF A TREATY ON LEGAL
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WEST GERMANY, LET ALONE
BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WEST BERLIN..." THE CZECHOSLOVAK
GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN GOOD WILL ALREADY BY ITS WILLINGNESS TO APPLY
ARTICLES 2 AND 5 TO WEST BERLIN. DURING OUR LAST TALKS WE AGREED..
ON WAYS THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY IN OUR TERRITORY WILL PROVIDE
CONSULAR REPRESENTATION FOR WEST BERLINERS, ON HANDLING VISA PROBLEMS,

AND ON THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO BE USED. THE DEMAND THAT WE BIND
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OURSELVES IN A TREATY TO EXTEND LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO

WEST BERLIN THROUGH A DIPLOMATIC MISSION IS EXCESSIVE IN THE

LEAST."

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